

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, From January 6, 1892, to January 8, 1892, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Dear Mabel:

Mrs. Martin wishes me to send you these green ferns picked at Beinn Bhreagh today — Wednesday, January 6th, 1892.

A. G. B.

Beinn Bhreagh, C. B. Friday, Jan. 8th, 1892. JOURNAL My dear Mabel:

I am so tired and sleepy I can hardly keep my eyes open. Cause a midnight tramp to the top of the mountain. Beautiful moonlight night. Left here about 11 o'clock — and did not get back till 12:20 — Mr. McCurdy was with me. His watch said twenty minutes to one.

The rams I think have quieted down until next year. Tomorrow we will commence the weighing of the sheep.

New plaster moulds a great success. The cylinder which was brushed with a rabbit's toe while immersed in liquid plaster — has produced the best mould we have yet made. Plaster record hard, firm, glossy — beautiful to look at — and entirely free from pin-holes. The other mould brushed with a soft tooth brush — also a success — no air-holes — good surface.

Today we have tried experiment with ozokerite cement.

Flying machine was placed out of doors this evening — on a charcoal fire — all steam-vents closed — and Mr. Martin, Mr. McCurdy, Mr Ellis and I stood at a respectful distance

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waiting for boiler to burst — expecting that machine would fly like a bird — when steam should force the solder out of hole in boiler which had been patched. Boiler refused to burst. Bulged that was all. Will try bigger fire tomorrow. Sleepy. Goodnight.

Alec.